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For: System for Securing Composite
Gratings to Structural Members

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant requests that the following be entered into the file of the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 15-17 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

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7. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for securing a grating sheet to structural members in a wave zone of an offshore platform, the grating sheet including an upper and lower surface, the apparatus comprising:

a top plate for mounting on the upper surface of the grating sheet, the top plate having a hole therein and upper and lower surfaces;

a bottom plate having an [slot] opening, the bottom plate being sized and shaped for attaching to the structural member in a laterally extending direction for supporting the grating sheet; and